

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have reservations about this amendment I think on slightly different grounds than have been expressed before, and that is that we are going to aim an \$18,500 bullet at one particular problem. We have a series of problems with lack of data in the Department of Revenue and other departments of state government. I am somewhat reluctant to just fire off an 18,500 dollar shot in an attempt to get one piece of information when I think what we really need to do is develop a comprehensive system so we can get the kind of information that this amendment would ask for, but get it for at the asking, not by this kind of action. So I'd be far more supportive of a generalized system than I am this kind of specific effort, which I also tend to agree with Senator Hartnett, I think, that it is unnecessary. I can't imagine something for \$18,500 that couldn't be done as a part of an interim study or a part of our regular process. It also raises questions in my mind, if we can develop this kind of information for \$18,500, why are we unable to develop the other kinds of information that we have occasionally asked for from the Department of Revenue and have been told that it wasn't available.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Prior to recognizing Senator Chambers, let me introduce 6 Boy Scouts from Pack 27 in Lincoln in the south balcony. If you would stand up, we would be happy to recognize you. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I have to notify the body of something that is developing in the same way that the names of Shakespeare and More have been interlinked throughout history as to who wrote what, Chambers and Wickersham, Wickersham and Chambers are becoming linked, and we've noted a couple of things, and I will call his attention to them, and without any attempt at collusion, Wickersham spoke first, then Chambers immediately thereafter, and Chambers agrees with Wickersham. I think the points that he made are very well taken, and he touched on what Senator Hartnett brought up, and I would like to ask Senator Abboud a further question on that. Senator Abboud, would you answer a question or two?

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes.